for a long time as they have a short shelf life. On the other hand, foodgrains can be stored relatively for longer period with proper storage facilities. The need for a Buffer Stock in the case of foodgrains is due to the fact that while the production is uncertain and related to the monsoons, the consumption is steadily growing. On the other hand, the production of fertilisers can be ensured subject to the limits of installed capacity and its utilisation. However, the consumption of fertilisers is influenced by the weather which leads to excess stocks in years of below normal monsoon, as is the current situation.

Aid sought by NDDB from West Germany

3046. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Dairy Development Board had sought aid from West Germany to improve the dairy infrastructure facilities including artificial insemination of cows in various States;

(b) if so, the details thereof together with quantum of aid sought and agreed to by West Germany;

(c) the reasons for non availability of indigenous aid; and

(d) the steps Government propose to take to provide such aid indigenously in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Operation Flood provide artificial insemination facility in selected Dairy Cooperative Societies.

Streamlining the working of Food Corporation of India

3047. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any report has been prepared to streamline the working of the Food Corporation of India;

(b) if so, what are the details of the recommendations made in the said report; and

(c) what are the details of the recommendations which have been implemented and the reasons in case of the recommendations which have not been implemented so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Changes in land acquisition policy in Delhi

3048. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are bringing drastic changes in land acquisition policies to check unauthorised colonisation and sky rocketing of land prices in the Union Territory of Delhi; and

(b) if so, by when the said changes are likely to be brought about and what are the salient features of the said changes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.